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From: Zito, Kelly

**Sent:** Tue 3/3/2015 8:17:36 PM

Subject: FW: The CalEPA report on underground injection wells differs from what Mr. Blumenfeld told

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Can you folks touch base and we can work on a statement..?

Thanks-

Kelly

From: Baker, David [mailto:DBaker@sfchronicle.com]

Sent: Tuesday, March 03, 2015 12:15 PM

To: Zito, Kelly

Subject: The CalEPA report on underground injection wells differs from what Mr. Blumenfeld

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Kelly,

You've probably already seen it, but the CalEPA just released a memo on the history of California UIC mess. The account differs in a couple of ways from what Mr. Blumenfeld told me. Most importantly, it says that both DOGGR and the federal EPA considered those 11 disputed aquifers as exempt, whereas he told me the EPA had considered them non-exempt. In addition, the memo says DOGGR first noticed the discrepancy between the two exempt aquifer lists, not the EPA.

Do you folks have a response on this?

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From: Barnum, Alex@EPA [mailto:Alex.Barnum@calepa.ca.gov] Sent: Tuesday, March 03, 2015 10:53 AM To: Baker, David Subject: CalEPA memo on UIC
Hi David,
Good to talk with you. Here's the CalEPA memo, embargoed until noon as discussed. Let me know if you have questions.
Thanks,
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